



The God of the Whirl Wind

God's Supremacy in Job's Trials

Part Five: The God of Grace

Job 42:7-17

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Job 42:7-9 The God of Grace Calls Sinners to Repentance

1. The Nature of God
 - God is holy. Therefore, His wrath is aroused by sin and sinners.

 - God is just. Therefore, He must judge injustice and the unjust.

 - God is love. Therefore, He has chosen to save many by His grace.
2. The Call of God
 - God revealed His majesty to awaken Job to his unrighteousness.

 - God announced His wrath to Job's friends to awaken them to their unrighteousness. (Job 13:10; Matt. 4:17; Rom. 1:18; 2:5; Eph. 2:3)

Job 42:8-10 The God of Grace Reconciles Sinners by Faith in His Redemptive Provision

1. Job's friends had to believe reconciliation came only through faith in God's perfect sacrifice (Lev. 23:18; Num. 23:1)

2. Job's friends had to believe reconciliation came only through faith in God's prescribed intercessor (Job 16:19-21; Isa. 53:12; Matt. 4:44; 6:14,15; Eph. 4:32)

Job 42:10-17 The God of Grace Restores Justified Sinners to Himself with Manifold Blessings

1. God doubly blessed the latter days of Job with prosperity
 - He restored Job's friendships. (Job 19:13-14; Prov. 14:20; 19:4-7; 18:24)

 - He restored Job's losses two-fold.
 - He multiplied his possessions.

 - He multiplied his family (ten in heaven and ten on earth).
 - 7 sons

 - 3 beautiful daughters
2. God doubly blessed the latter days of Job with longevity of life
 - He enjoyed one hundred and forty years. (Double 70)

 - He enjoyed seeing "his children, grandchildren for four generations."

 - He "died old and full of days." (Prov. 17:6)

Questions for Further Discussion and Discovery

1. What happens when the church fails to preach the wonder of God's holiness and the magnitude of Man's depravity?
2. What aroused God's anger against Job's three preacher/counselor friends?
3. What might their message sound like today in Riverside County?
4. In what way was Christ foreshadowed in God's call to Job's friends?
 - The 7 bulls and rams?
 - The prayer of Job?
5. Do you pray for others as Job did? Why? Or why not?
6. What did Job's prayer for his friends say about receiving grace and giving forgiveness?
7. How would you receive your "fair-weather friends" if they returned after abandoning you during your days of suffering and grief? Why?
8. If God restored Job's prosperity how would you explain this to Job's friends who argued he was formerly blessed because he was righteous and was crushed because he must have sinned? How do you argue against "retribution theology"?
9. In what ways are children and grandchildren a blessing from God, not only for parents, but also for grandparents?
10. What role do you think grandparents should have in the life of their married children and their grandchildren? Why? How do you think they can fulfill your expectations?
11. How would you explain grace to someone who believes they earn "brownie points" or store up treasures in heaven by their good works here on earth?
12. What are the greatest lessons learned about God from Job?